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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed March 14, 2000 in the above referenced application, Applicants enclose the following:

1. A Request for a One Month Extension of Time to Respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements;
2. A copy of the Notice of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), PTO Form PCT/DO/EO/905 and PCT Form PCT/DO/EO 917;
3. A Declaration executed by the inventors;
4. Two assignments of this application with cover sheet;
5. A copy of the Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status that was submitted with the Request for Refund (filed March 20, 2000);

6. A Verified English translation of the Specification of international patent application PCT/EP98/04510 as filed;

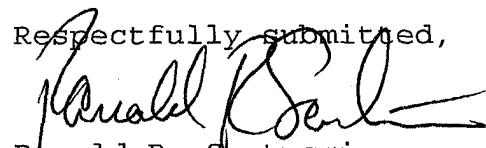
7. A Verified English translation of the amended claims of international patent application PCT/EP98/04510; and

8. A Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge all fees (including the \$55.00 surcharge for a one month extension of time, the \$65.00 surcharge fee for the late filing of the Declaration, the \$80.00 assignment recordation fee and the \$130.00 surcharge for late filing of the English translation of the application) to Deposit Account No. 501145, Order No. 2727-99J.

If any additional fees are required, they may also be charged to this account.

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